

HOUSE BILL 2985
By Winningham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 13,
Part 6, relative to the Cordell Hull birthplace.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 13, is amended by deleting
part 6 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 4-13-601. (a) There is hereby created an advisory council on the Cordell
Hull birthplace in Pickett County. Such council shall advise the Tennessee historical
commission on matters concerning the Cordell Hull birthplace.

(b) (1) The advisory council shall be composed of not less than three (3) nor
more than five (5) members to be appointed by the governor. The remaining members
of the board of trustees of the Cordell Hull birthplace and memorial association, as
created by Acts 1953, chapter 60 and repealed by Acts 1979, chapter 343, may submit
nominations to the governor for the governor's consideration in the governor's
appointments to the advisory council. Such former trustees shall be eligible for
appointment or reappointment to the advisory council. All members of the advisory
council shall be residents of Pickett County.

(2) The initial members of the advisory council shall be Rhonda Elder,
David Hassler, Roy H. Koger, and Gwendolyn Mochow.

(c) The members of the advisory council created by subsection (a) shall serve
without compensation, and shall be subject to removal by the governor for good cause.

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Membership on the advisory council shall be permanent. In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation, removal from the state or otherwise, the governor shall appoint a successor. If a member ceases to reside in Pickett County, the office of such member shall become vacant.

(d) The advisory council shall elect from among its membership a chair, vice chair and such other officers the council deems necessary.

Section 4-13-602.

(a) The administration, operation and maintenance of the Cordell Hull birthplace and all surrounding property which has been deeded to the state are hereby vested in the Tennessee historical commission.

(b) The commission shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary for the efficient operation, administration, and maintenance of the Cordell Hull birthplace.

(c) One (1) seasonal, full-time park manager position and one (1) full-time custodial position shall be transferred from the department of environment and conservation and funded within the commission for the operation and management of the Cordell Hull birthplace. The commission shall establish qualifications for such positions and employ appropriate personnel to perform the duties and functions of such positions.

Section 4-13-603.

The Tennessee historical commission is authorized to expend any funds appropriated or available to it in the administration, operation, maintenance, repair, renovation or restoration of the Cordell Hull birthplace and all surrounding property which has been deeded to the state.

Section 4-13-604.

The Tennessee historical commission has the right to designate the personnel who shall have actual charge of the premises and has the right to promulgate rules and regulations with respect to the Cordell Hull birthplace.

Section 4-13-605

(a) The Tennessee historical commission may enter into all necessary agreements with the state library and archives to ensure the preservation of the historical papers and personal correspondence of Cordell Hull for posterity.

(b) No historical paper or item of personal correspondence shall be removed from the Cordell Hull birthplace without the express written consent of the Friends of Cordell Hull, the successor organization to the Cordell Hull Birthplace and Memorial Association and the true owner of such collection. The Friends of Cordell Hull may, in consultation with the commission, develop and implement policies and guidelines for the loan or other removal of such historical papers and items of personal correspondence from the Cordell Hull birthplace. Such historical papers and items of personal correspondence may only be removed from the site with the stipulation, agreed to by the Friends of Cordell Hull and the borrower, of a specific date for the return of such item or items.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall take effect on becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.